

described. This was under the direction of Subadars Sundar Singh, 1st Punjab Infantry,\* and Narain Singh, 1st Sikhs. The latter officer, also, with great presence of mind, removed a large quantity of ammunition from the reserve ammunition boxes of his regiment, and rapidly distributed it. Some was also carried away by Bugler Bela Singh, 1st Punjab Infantry. The value of this ammunition to the force cannot be over-estimated; had it not been rescued, it is difficult to think how the enemy could have been kept off at all.

The following men had been sent under heavy fire to fetch away the ammunition boxes by Subadar Narain Singh: Naick Lachman Singh, 1st Sikhs; Sepoy Shiv Singh, 1st Sikhs, who went back twice, and was afterwards twice wounded; Sepoy Isar Singh, 1st Sikhs; Lance-Naick Atar Singh, 1st Sikhs (killed); and Langri Jhanda Singh, 1st Sikhs.

The conduct of Subadar Sundar Singh, 1st Punjab Infantry, at the place where he died was most heroic.

4. At this place (C) many other men also behaved with great heroism. All those who fell there gave their lives to cover the withdrawal of their comrades. Among the survivors Lance-Naick Ishar Singh, 1st Punjab Infantry, fought the enemy hand to hand very gallantly there, killing several with his bayonet, and generally rendering great help; and Bugler Bela Singh, 1st Punjab Infantry, who has been mentioned above, was again conspicuous, fighting bravely and effectively with a rifle he saved from one of the killed, and later in distributing under fire the ammunition which had been saved.

5. During the first withdrawal to the Kotal, Jemadar Sherzad, 1st Sikhs, carried Lieutenant Higginson, wounded, away under a very heavy fire. A little later, taking a rifle and ammunition from a dead sepoy, he covered the retreat of a party (consisting of Havildar Muhammad Bakhsh, Naick Khwaja Muhammad and Sepoy Isar Singh, 1st Sikhs), who were carrying Surgeon-Captain Cassidy, wounded, to the rear. He also carried Surgeon-Captain Cassidy part of the way.

Sepoy Allahyar Khan, 1st Punjab Infantry, carried Lieutenant Seton-Browne, wounded, to the Kotal.

Subadar Nawab Khan, 1st Sikhs, was one of the last to leave the scene of the outrage, and both there, and throughout the subsequent retirement, he worked in a very cool and admirable way.

6. During the general retirement from the Kotal towards the place where the reinforcements were met, the ability and coolness of Subadar Narain Singh, 1st Sikhs, mentioned above, were of the greatest value. Lance-Naick Assa Singh, 1st Punjab Infantry, did good work in helping Lieutenant Seton-Browne along when the enemy was pressing the retreat.

Sepoy Nurdad, 1st Punjab Infantry, repulsed an attack of a party of the enemy. After shooting down two at a very short distance, he led a successful counter-charge against them, being himself severely wounded.

7. Reference was made in the previous report to the most gallant conduct of the deceased officers—Colonel Bunny, Captain Browne, Royal Artillery, and Subadar Sundar Singh. At the time it was written I was not aware that Lieutenant Cruickshank, Royal Artillery, had also behaved in a most conspicuous manner, getting up and continuing to fight his guns, after being once shot down, until he was killed by another bullet.

\* Killed.

8. The sudden and treacherous way in which the attack began, and the fact that at the very first the men saw all their British officers shot down, make the staunchness and gallantry of the native officers, non-commissioned officers and men, even more praiseworthy than they might otherwise have been.

The indomitable spirit of No. 6 Bombay Mountain Battery is beyond all praise.

9. The conspicuous behaviour of Lieutenants Higginson and Seton-Browne in conducting the retirement, while severely wounded, has been mentioned before.

10. I trust the General Officer Commanding may see fit to recommend these two British officers and all native officers, non-commissioned officers and men mentioned by name above for a signal reward for their gallantry. And I would also ask permission to submit a list of those killed at the garden wall (the point C), with a view to the recognition of their splendid conduct being extended to their widows or heirs.

11. When the previous report was written the casualties were under-stated. They were as follows:—

#### Killed.

1st (Prince Albert Victor's Own) Punjab Cavalry—Horses and Mules, 3.  
No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery—British Officers, 2; Non-commissioned Officers and Men, 2; Horses and Mules, 4.  
1st Sikhs—British Officers, 1; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, 12; Followers, 1; Officers' Chargers, 3.  
1st Punjab Infantry—Native Officers, 1; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, 7; Officers' Chargers, 1.  
Total—British Officers, 3; Native Officers, 1; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, 21; Followers, 1; Officers' Chargers, 4; Horses and Mules, 7.

#### Wounded.

1st (Prince Albert Victor's Own) Punjab Cavalry—Non-Commissioned Officers and Men (slightly), 1.  
No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery—Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, dangerously, 1, severely, 2; Followers, slightly, 1; Horses and Mules, 5.  
1st Sikhs—Followers, dangerously, 1\*; British Officers, severely, 2; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, severely, 11; Native Officers, slightly, 2; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, slightly, 7.  
1st Punjab Infantry—British Officers, severely, 1; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, severely, 2, slightly, 4.  
Total—Dangerously: Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, 1; Followers, 1. Severely: British Officers, 3; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, 15. Slightly: Native Officers, 2; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, 12; Followers, 1; Horses and Mules, 5.  
Total—Killed, 26, and 11 horses and mules; Wounded, 35, and 5 mules.

Also 24 baggage mules missing.

12. Lists of property lost are now attached.†

13. Though it is not my business to report on civil officers, it would be unjust to omit mentioning that Mr. Gee's exertions and presence of mind were of great value in the help he rendered during the retirement and in sending to call up the reinforcements.

\* Since dead.

† These lists are not printed.